

**Western New York Remediation Section**

**Week ending May 1, 2015**













**New Casser (Jennifer LaPoma):** **OU1 RD.** ORC circulated UAO to Nickie on 4/27. UAO expected to go out by 5/1. ORC gave ERRD comments on the SOW on 4/27. Review underway. On 4/23, RPM started process to open OU1 RD oversight for support during PRP negotiations. Project Management will be the only task started in the event that the PRPs do not comply with the UAO.

NCIA PRPs informed provided individual responses on 2/13 regarding their willingness to continue OU1 RD and OU3 RI/FS negotiations on the condition that upgradient parties (Sylvania (GTEOSI), General Instruments) participate. ERRD and ORC met on 2/24 and will draft UAO for OU1 RD only. OU3 RI/FS will be fund lead and RPM to begin drafting enforcement memo and funding package to initiate RI/FS work. OU3 RI/FS to be conducted in phases with the intent of re-initiating negotiations with PRPs after initial data has been collected. Jennifer drafted RACs SOW for OU3 RI/FS and has received comments from Pete.



OU2 Source Area: See above in Proposed Plan.

**Hooker Ruco (Mike Negrelli):** PCOR has been drafted (targeting completion for current FY). RPM met with the PRP on 3/12/15. Project status was discussed, including steps necessary for completion of the PCOR. Additionally, PRP expressed interest in partially deleting the site (the facility proper). We indicated this is possible pending completion of the State's RCRA action at the facility. Follow-up discussion regarding the MW-53 issue, specifically whether contamination found in this well in 2013 could be traced to Hooker Ruco, appears to be at least partly resolved with the State's determination that actions taken at Northrup Grumman are appropriately capturing PCE/TCE contamination from both that site and the Hooker Ruco site. **A meeting to discuss this further took place on 4/23/15. The site hydro has been asked to review and respond to material presented by the PRP indicating that MW-53 contamination derives from an unidentified upgradient source; once this issue is resolved, we can proceed with the PCOR.**

**Forest Glen (Gloria Sosa):** No change in status. Quarterly groundwater sampling conducted week of 03.16.15. Goodyear submitted a report on the cap repair on 9/30/14. RPM has reviewed and found the report acceptable. RPM will meet with hydro to discuss the groundwater remedy, including the MNA. A meeting is being scheduled with Goodyear for May 2015. RPM updated the status of the FYR recommendations in SEMS to be completed.

**Walkill (Mike Negrelli):** Meeting with PRPs was held on 2/24/15. Issues necessary for completion of the Work Plan were discussed. A follow up letter requesting additional groundwater sampling was sent on 2/27/15. A final comment letter on the Work Plan was sent to the PRPs on 3/17/15. The PRPs contractor sent a response requesting until October 2015 to submit a final draft Work Plan. EPA feels this is an overly conservative schedule and has responded with a letter (dated 4/8/15) requesting that a work plan for soils remediation be sent within 14 days and the work plan for groundwater be sent by August. **On 4/24/15, the PRP responded with a request of 30 days to submit the work plan for soils remediation. The request was accepted by EPA.**

**Old Roosevelt Field (Sherrel Henry):** OU1- RA: The contractor mobilized to the site for construction activities on October 6, 2014. Connection of the three additional extraction wells and the upgrades to the groundwater treatment plant to handle the additional volume of water have been completed.

The contractor received correspondence from PSE&G regarding a service connection point and voltage that can be supplied. Based on previous difficulty of the capability of PSE&G to provide accurate information, the installation of conduit and conductors to the described termination point will be completed following confirmation with PSE&G construction scheduling. The schedule for completion of this work is unknown. **The electrical inspection certificate was sent to PSE&G on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. I am officially requesting that management let the supervisor know that the certificate was submitted.**

**OU2- Eastern Plume RI: No Change in Status.** Installation of the groundwater monitoring wells were completed on November 19, 2014. All existing wells and new wells were sampled from November 19-21, 2014. A meeting was held on February 25<sup>th</sup> with CDM Smith to discuss the results of the RI field investigation. Data gaps were identified. CDM is preparing a letter to propose a possible treatability study in combination with a request for installation of additional wells.

**Sinclair (Mike Negrelli): No change in status** Payment of oversight bill was made on 1/26/15. All environmental easements have been completed and registered with the County. We have been in contact with SUNY and BP regarding a construction project on-site; they expect to break ground sometime this spring and need to comply with the environmental easement and O&M Plan. We are working with NYSDEC to ensure that the contractor is in compliance.

**Hooker S Area (Kevin Willis): No change in status.** A progress conference call with OCC and DEC was held on 6/11 to discuss the NAPL tracer study report from 2010. OCC will be preparing a draft outline for our review of the S-Area Shallow Bedrock NAPL Tracer Study / RRT Compliance Assessment. CRA says that they are submitting the Tracer analysis report soon. Not here yet.

**Olean-Alcas (Michael Walters):** FMB ran an additional cost recovery report, dated 4/14/2015, covering the time frame 11/01/2014 through 03/31/2015 for the EPA oversight of Alcas OU2/OU3 activities. Approximately 70% of the additional total (\$165K) may be directly attributable to Alcas. (This report is still under internal review.) The PRN has been reviewed by Virginia, Sharon Kivowitz is currently making the necessary modifications. The finalization of the OU2/OU3 oversight costs is still in progress and is estimated to be about \$800,000.

The OU2/OU3 RD/RA start will not be completed by 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter but more likely will start by the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter.

**Olean: Loohn's: (Michael Walters): No change in status.** The annual post-remedial groundwater sampling event was conducted by EPA Edison on April 7, 2015. The results should be received within two weeks.

**Olean: AVX: (Michael Walters):** The Administrative Record for the AVX ROD amendment is currently being compiled. All of the required documents for the AR are already in electronic form. A draft AR list will be circulated for internal review.

**Olean: AVX: (Lorenzo Thantu):** The Proposed Plan is being revised in its entirety while still awaiting comments from ORC (Virginia) on a portion of the plan. A fully-revised Plan is expected to be emailed to the AVX Team for final review by the end of the week.

**Smithtown: (Gloria Sosa):** A resident with a private well within the remedial area sent the RPM an email on 4/20/15 that he had recently learned about the PCE contamination. He lives in a home whose previous owner refused the offer for a connection to public water. There were several homes that refused connection to public water. EPA has connected a few of these

“denied” homes since 2008 (when the majority of homes were connected). The resident requested that EPA sample his private well. RPM is reviewing the RI data to determine if this private well was sampled at that time. RPM & Section Chief are discussing next steps.

DESA is scheduled to sample the monitoring wells and surface water in June. At the last sampling 2 years ago there were 2 wells with slightly elevated levels of PCE. Once this sampling is complete, EPA will review the data and the Groundwater Remedy Completion Strategy determine if the remedy is complete. EPA will notify the homeowners of the “denied” homes at that time.

**Niagara County Refuse (Mike Negrelli): SCORPIOS report has been run for the current billing cycle. It is under review.**